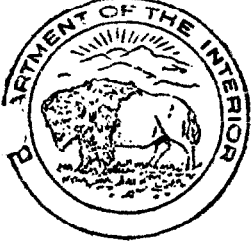


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OYSTERS "R" IN SEASON

With the advent of the "R"-months, the traditional oyster-eating season began this week. But unless you're a hidebound antiquarian who demands his oysters raw and in the shell, the Fish and Wildlife Service sees no reason to restrict your enjoyment of the luscious, nutrituous oyster to the months of September through April, when fishermen harvest America's vast oyster beds.

The tradition of waiting until the first "R"-month before eating oysters dates back several decades, before frozen oysters acquired their current popularity. Today, modern transportation, packaging, and freezing techniques enable people in all parts of the country to eat oysters every month in the year.

It's passe to confine your oyster appetite to the traditional "R"-months, says William H. Dumont, the Fish and Wildlife Service's fishery market news chief. He advises oyster fanciers to continue gratifying their lust for oysters even after April, when the harvest ends.

Reports reaching the Service indicate that this year's oyster crop should be larger than last year's. Higher costs for seed oysters and higher wages, however, will prevent prices from dropping.

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